

2015 Proposed Rule Changes

720-x-2-.01 Definition of Plumbing. With respect to a building sewer, the building sewer begins at the connection with the building drain and is considered plumbing until it reaches a public sewer or an individual disposal system. With respect to water service, the water line from the meter to the building, is considered plumbing. With respect to the single-family residential dwelling domestic water supply, the water line from the meter to the building or from the outlet side of a well pump to the building is considered plumbing. With respect to the sewer, the building sewer begins at the connection with the building drain and is considered plumbing until it reaches the property line, an individual disposal system, or a point within an easement or right-of-way.

Non-residential domestic water supply and sewer represented by mechanical drawings signed and sealed by an engineer licensed in the State of Alabama shall be considered plumbing. Non-residential domestic water supply four inches in diameter and greater, and sewer lines six inches in diameter and greater, represented by civil drawings signed and sealed by an engineer licensed in the State of Alabama shall not be considered plumbing.

Sewage grinder pumps and sewage lift stations with discharge lines four inches and greater, and force mains four inches and larger shall not be considered plumbing.

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Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)

History: Rule Change

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720-x-2-.02 Onsite Wastewater. On-site wastewater disposal systems which are represented by drawings signed and sealed by an engineer licensed in the State of Alabama shall not be considered plumbing. Any other onsite system installed by any legal entity holding a current license with the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board shall not be considered plumbing to within 3 to 5 feet of the building or residence.

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Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)

History: New Rule

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720-x-3-.02 Exchange or Installation of Gas Fixtures and Appliances. Supply piping from the shut off valve to the fixture or appliance, except for gas fired water heaters, shall not be considered gas pipe fitting. Any supply piping to, and including, the isolation valve shall be considered gas pipe fitting, and must comply with all codes currently adopted by the Board.

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Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)

History: New Rule

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720-x-4-.01 Forms, Requirements, and Fee Schedule. The following forms shall be available in the Board Office as well as on the Board website.

Information Update Form
 Application for Examination
 Application for Waiver of Annual Penalties and Fees
 Apprentice Registration
 Complaint Form
~~Application for Temporary Revocable Certification as a Journeyman Plumber or Journeyman Gas Fitter~~
 Application for Inactive Status
Application for Active Status
~~Contractor Bond Form~~
 Proof of Citizenship or Lawful Presence of Non-Citizen Forms
 Replacement Card Request
Reciprocity Request
Registration of Legal Entity (Company Registration Form)
Work Experience Affidavit

Requirements	Renewal Fees	Non-Refundable Exam Fees
Apprentice	\$25.00 (Initial w/ Registration) \$25.00 (Annually)	
No Written Exam Required. Complete Registration Form and include a copy of Proof of Citizenship or Lawful Presence of Non-Citizen Form.		
Journeyman Plumber	\$50.00	\$110.00
Requires 2 <u>years current work experience</u> yr. Registration as Apprentice or completed Board Approved Apprentice Training Program to take required exam.		
Journeyman Gas Fitter	\$50.00	\$110.00
Requires 2 <u>years current work experience</u> yr. Registration as Apprentice or completed Board Approved Apprentice Training Program to take required exam.		
Temporary Journeyman Plumber or Gas Fitter — \$25.00 (one time charge)		
Requires approved application and out of state Journeyman/Master license/certification and expires 10 work days after date of exam.		
Master Plumber	\$150.00	\$160.00
Requires one <u>year current work experience</u> yr. certification as Journeyman Plumber to take required exam.		
Master Gas Fitter	\$150.00	\$160.00
Requires one <u>year current work experience</u> yr. certification as Journeyman Gas Fitter to take required exam.		
Medical Gas	\$25.00	
Requires certification from National Institute of Testing & Certification		

Replacement Card \$25.00

Prorated amounts for first year fees after July 1 of the calendar year, as outlined in r. 720-x-10-.01, will be as follows: \$12 for Apprentice, \$25 for Journeyman Plumber or Gas Fitter, and \$75 for Master Plumber or Gas Fitter.

Persons who hold a current license/certification in good standing in another state may request reciprocity on forms provided by the Board in accordance with Ala. Code §34-37-11, and upon payment of all prescribed fees. Requires approved application, a current out-of-state Apprentice, Journeyman, or Master plumber and/or gas fitter license/certification, and payment of the current year's fee for the requested classification.

Lost, misplaced, or damaged cards can be replaced; a written statement consisting of the Replacement Card Request Form and \$25.00 will be required from the card holder. Replacement cards requested for non-receipt of initial cards issued will also require a written statement. No charges will be assessed in this instance. There will be a 30-day waiting period from the initial issue date before replacement cards will be provided in this instance.

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Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)

History: Rule Change

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720-x-5-.01 Work Permitted by Journeyman Plumber. It shall be unlawful and a violation of Act No. ~~89-406~~ 2015-496 as amended for a journeyman plumber, certified in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board to perform any plumbing, as provided in Act No. ~~89-406~~ 2015-496 as amended or as may be further defined by the Board in rules passed by the Board, unless said journeyman plumber performs said work for a company that is properly registered with the Board and under the general supervision of a certified master plumber.

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Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)

History: Rule Change

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720-x-6-.01 Work Permitted by Journeyman Gas Fitters. It shall be unlawful and a violation of Act No. ~~89-406~~ 2015-496 as amended for a journeyman gas fitter, certified in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board to perform any gas fitting work, as provided in Act No. ~~89-406~~ 2015-496 as amended or as may be further defined by the Board in rules passed by the Board, unless said journeyman gas fitter performs said work for a company that is properly registered with the Board and under the general supervision of a certified master gas fitter.

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Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)

History: Rule Change

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720-x-9-.01 Penalty for Late Renewal of Certificate or Registration. All certificates and registrations ~~for Journeyman and Master Plumber and Gas Fitter~~ expire on December 31 of each year. Certificate and registration fees must be paid prior to January 1 of the year for which the certificate or registration is to be effective. In the event the certificate or registration is renewed after December 31, the late renewal penalty shall be equal to the renewal rate for the respective certificate or registration. The late renewal penalty is due at the time the current year's certificate or registration fee is paid.

In addition to the current year's certificate or registration fee and late renewal penalty, the certificate fees for all unpaid back years shall be paid in accordance with Code of Ala. 1975, §34-37-9. The certificate or registration fees for all unpaid back years are due at the time the current year's certificate or registration fee and late renewal penalty are paid

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History: Rule Change

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720-x-10-.01 Waiver or Proration of First Year Certificate Fee for Journeyman and Master Plumbers and Gas Fitters. The Board shall be allowed to waive the first year fee for issuing a certificate for Journeyman and Master Plumbers and Gas Fitters who pay the examination fee and pass the examination for the respective classification.

The Board shall be allowed to prorate the first year fee for issuing a certification or registration after July 1 of the calendar year in which the certification or registration is issued for Apprentice, Journeyman, and Master Plumbers and Gas Fitters who register with the Board or pay the examination fee and pass the examination for the respective classification.

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Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)

History: Rule Change

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720-x-11-.01 Work Permitted by Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitters. It shall be unlawful and a violation of Act No. ~~89-406~~ 2015-496, as amended, for an Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitter, certified in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board to perform any plumbing/gas fitting work, as provided in Act No. ~~89-406~~ 2015-496, as amended, and as may be further defined by the Board in rules passed by the Board, unless said Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitter performs said work for a company that is properly registered with the Board and under the direct supervision of a certified Journeyman Plumber, Journeyman Gas Fitter, Master Plumber or Master Gas Fitter who remains on the job/work site at all times while such work is being performed by the Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitter. An Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitter is a trainee, therefore it shall be unlawful, and a violation of Act No. ~~89-406~~ 2015-496, as amended, for any one Journeyman Plumber, Journeyman Gas Fitter, Master Plumber or Master Gas Fitter to directly supervise on any job site more than three Apprentice Plumbers/Gas Fitters.

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Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)

History: Rule Change
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720-x-12-.01 Responsibility of Master Plumber. It shall be unlawful and a violation of Act No. ~~89-406 2015-496~~, as amended, for a Master Plumber, certified in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board as provided in Act No. ~~89-406 2015-496~~, as amended, or as may be further defined by the Board in rules passed by the Board, to supervise or direct any person in the performance of plumbing or gas fitting work as defined in Section 34-37-1 (Code of Alabama 1975, as amended) where the person performing such work does not hold current certification with the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board.

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720-x-13-.01 Responsibility of Master Gas Fitter. It shall be unlawful and a violation of Act No. ~~89-406 2015-496~~, as amended, for a Master Gas Fitter, certified in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board as provided in Act No. ~~89-406 2015-496~~, as amended, or as may be further defined by the Board in rules passed by the Board, to supervise or direct any person in the performance of plumbing or gas fitting work as defined in Section 34-37-1 (Code of Alabama 1975, as amended) where the person performing such work does not hold current certification with the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board.

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~~720-x-15-.01 Definition of Maintenance Engineer. The term "maintenance engineer" as used in Title 34 Chapter 37 of the Alabama Code, unless otherwise specified, shall be defined as a person who has qualified and is currently registered to practice engineering with the Alabama Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.~~

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, 34-37-2.
History: New Rule~~

720-x-16-.01 Bad Check. If check or negotiable instrument is dishonored, the writer of the check or instrument will be required to tender payment of the full amount of such check or instrument plus a service charge of \$30.00 as established by section 8-8-15 of the Code of Alabama 1975.

(1) If the dishonored check or instrument was tendered for the purpose of sitting for an examination, payment of the full amount of such check or instrument plus a service charge of \$30.00 must be paid in full prior to the individual being allowed to take the said examination. If the individual has already taken the examination prior to the Board's office receiving notification of the dishonored instrument, the individual's results will be held until such time as payment is made in full including the service charge.

(2) If the dishonored check or instrument was tenured for the purpose of renewing an individual ~~license or certification, registration, or payment of fines or penalties,~~ the license or certification or registration shall be invalid and will not be considered in good standing unless the full amount of such check or instrument plus a service charge of \$30.00 is paid within (30) days.

(3) If the dishonored check or instrument was tenured for the purpose of applying for a ~~license, certification, or registration,~~ the application will not be processed until such time as the payment is made in full, including the applicable \$30.00 service charge.

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Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)

History: Rule Change

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720-x-17-.01 Registration of Legal Entities. Beginning October 1, 2016, all legal entities, as defined in Ala. Code §34-37-1(14), engaging in the business of plumbing and/or gas fitting within the State of Alabama shall be required to register annually upon forms provided by the Board, upon first paying all prescribed fees.

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Statutory Authority: Section 34-37-2 (Code of Alabama 1975 as amended)

History: New Rule

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720-x-18-.01 Reissuing Revoked Certification or Registration. The Board, for reasons it may deem sufficient, may reissue a certification or registration to any person whose certification or registration has been revoked provided that a majority of the Board vote in favor of reissuing in accordance with Ala. Code §34-37-12. The person requesting reissue must submit an application, pay all prescribed fees, and comply with the terms set forth by the Board.

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